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THEIR FIRST GERMAN The Richmond Club Opens the Season

With a Brilliant Dance.

IWO ELEGANT DINNERS GIVEN

pee by Miss Conally and the Other by Miss Walker-The Wednesday Club Organized-Musical and Society Notes.

the Richmond German Club, All waits for the germans to brilliant and spirited, Th and the roses gathered on the ng the months of rest are at on the first occasions; so the dominy evening was very bril

Stern led, with his wonted interest, and the committee to guests with delightful hospatronesses present were

mong the fancers were Fannie McGuire, Bessie Hobson, May Howard, y McCaw, Carolyn Mar-

ruce, Mary Cameron lamie Donnan, Virgie ormicy, Alice Connily

P. Lathrop, Mr. and r. Mr. and Mrs. Levin Mrs. Beirne Blair, Mr. Talbett, Mr. and Mrs. r. and Mrs. Charles E. Mrs. Edward Latimer s, Talbott, Gray, Palmer, cell, Carrie, Tompkins, talker, Holladay, Camp-huson, Dr. George Ross, am, Mallory, Massie, Palmer, Page, Ruther-Gaines, and others.

and recital on "The History Forte and Its Masters, oplished musician, afte evolution of the plano

which the member joing are

will give a progressive-euchre party. The young alles who compose the season and same the walker, Mrs. Tennant, John Lyons, and Misses Eugenia and Thompson. The rooms were profusely decorated with ferns, and each guest wore an emblem of the occasion.

The young people present were Misses Ligon, Brown, Maggle McKenna, Carrie and Nettle Ross, Mary Williams, and Nettle Davis, Carrie Le Lunn, Mash, and Annie Leigh Camm, Annie Walker, Carrie and Flossie Talays and Gertrude Howard, Bessie and Ellen Hobson.

The party dispersed at a late hour, william Russell Robse unanimously re-elected presi-

dent; Mrs. James Lyons, first vice-president, and Mrs. M. F. Pleasants, second vice-president in the place of Mrs. Simon Bolivar Buckner, of Kentucky; Mrs. Reginald Gilham, registrar; Mrs. Lucy Carter Trent, correspondent secretary, and Mrs. Herbert Augustus Claiborne, recording

ecretary.
Miss Margaret Vowell Smith, of Alexandria, Va., was also unanimously elected historian of the society.

A charming hour or two was spent by the guests of a circle of King's Daughters on Thursday evening at a "sliver tea" given in behalf of the Rosemary cot at the Sheltering Arms Heapital. This en-ierprising circle, in memory of one of their number, beautiful and beloved, e death was felt by this communit to keenly several years ago, has estab-ished a cot, which requires a certain amount annually to sustain one sufferer e of charge in comfort, and their orts were on this occasion crowned with Miss Handy was in charge of the flowers and Misses Eugenia and Anne Tennant. Mary Williams. Mary Cameron, Eva De Treville, Mary McCaw, Callis Hyland, Roy Ellerson, Ellen Lee, and Gertrude and Annie Leigh Camm, Mrs. James Allizon, and Mrs. Edward Mayo assisted in dispensing tea, coffee, and checolate, sandyches and biscuit cake. olate, sandwiches and biscuits, cake,

and honbous.

The circle of King's DaughteTs is composed of Mrs. E. T. D. Myers, Jr., Mrs. T. N. Carter, Mrs. Levin Joynes, Mrs. William R. Trigg, Mrs. Andrew Christian, Mrs. Otway Allen, Mrs. James B. Baylor. Misses May Handy, Adela Myers, Eva De Treville, and Emily Hanewinckel.

Misses Ida Atkinson and Phylis Langhorne had charge of the offerings of silver at the door, and the children's entertainment in the afternoon was specially

tertainment in the afternoon was specially directed by Mrs. James D. Patton and directed by Miss DeTreville.

The organ-recitals by Professor William C. Carl, concert-organist, of New York, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, on skilled performer( and great pleasure was

Mrs. William H. Talbott entertained drs. Edward Latimer, of Wilmington, N. C., at an informal luncheon on Tues-

Miss Lucy Cary Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bridges, has issued invitations to a tea in honor of her guest, Miss Hettie Page Cocke, of the University of Virginia, on Wednesday, December 12th, from 5 to 8 P. M. Mr. Heth Lorton, now residing in New

entertainment of the Wednesday Cotille Mr. Joseph Bryan entertained a number

of gentlemen at supper on Thursday evening at Laburnum. Miss Bagby has returned from a visit to Mrs. Allen Watts, in Roanoke. Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Mayo have re-

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Travers gave a

returned from a visit to their daughter in New York. Miss Hurkamp, of Fredericksburg, wil

January.

Mrs. St. John, of Fredericksburg, is the guest of Mrs. Doyle, Park avenue.

Miss Carrie Ellett entertained a small number of friends very pleasantly on Tuesday evening.

be an unusual opportunity for the music lovers of Richmond. Mr. Baker, the fine hasso, and Mr. Tayloe, the tenor, will be the soloists. The object is the Sheltering

### The Texas Cotton Palace. (Written for the Dispatch.)

In the pretty city of Waco, Tex., the ing substance, which gives them a very natural appearance. Perhaps the mos-interesting design is the representation

To the Editor of the Dispatch: I think I saw some time ago in a northern paper that the Yellow Tavern was situated about a mile south of Petersburg; and lately a correspondent of yours asked where was the Yellow Tavern, and what was the distance from the beauty and the property of the period of the Richmond. Another correspondent claims that there was a Yellow Tavera four or may be so. Presuming, however, that your first inquirer had reference to the Yellow Tavern which gave its name to the battle where General J. E. B. Stuart niles north of Richmond, and one mile bouth of "Petersburg"—a settlement com-oned mostly of colored people. As you say, the Yellow Tavern on the Brook

is last owner was the late and sales shall.

An almost exact counterpart of the d tavern may be found in the residence f Hon. William Taylor, late Treffsurer this county, about four miles higher this county. and dwelling of Mr. Taylor were built by the same man, a Mr. Hudson Powell.

# A Fern Party at Ivy Hill.

ARVONIA, VA., December 8.—(Special.)
The most enjoyable sociable of the season was given by Mr. Ballard Brown on the evening of the 50th ultimo in honor of his cousins—Misses Pattle Ligon, of Stanard, and Mary Brown, of Danville, Va. Miss Ligon led the "light fantastic toe," white Miss Ergon entertained a number. while Miss Brown entertained a numb of the guests in games of the season. At 11 o'clock all assembled in the dining-room and did full justice to the bountiful

# CAN PRESAGE DEATH

Wonderful Work of Mr. Johns in Determining the Life of Man.

Novel Theories That May Some Day Startle the Scientific World and Destroy

There is in Richmond, stopping her only for a few days, and upon business for the house with which he is connected a man who, if he succeeds in an undertaking which he has started upon, will undoubtedly startle the entire world, destroy agnosticism and atheism, and give the scientific and philosophical a shock for which they are altogether unpre-

Athelam and Agnosticism.

This man is Mr. M. L. Johns, of Nev York, who is registered at Murphy's Hotel. Mr. Johns has practical business ideas, is dignified in manner, and very retiring in his disposition; yet he possesses an occult power which is almos beyond human ken, the extent of which he himself can bardly realize. While Mr. Johns is not what could strictly be called a horoscopist, his knowledge is such as casting is very simple to him, and when called upon he does not hesitate to demonstrate by actual figures what he claims to

To give him the date of your birth i almost equivalent to presenting him with a carefully prepared dary of your life, and it is with the most skilful ease that he tells the exact time of death of any individual, even down to the time of day. As has already been stated, Mr. Johns does not himself understand this strange but his calculations.

genticmen throughout the country.
This wonderful man, 'according to his statements, gleaned every bit of his information or knowledge from the Bible, and in passages of the Holy Writ found the secrets which he claims to be in possession of, and discovered reasonings and causes and effects which have hitherto not yielded to the investigations of just as ardent students. He has in his possession a chart of each menth of the twelve, filled with figures arranged in peculiar diversity, and it is from this that he works out the past, present, and future works out the past, present, and future

DIVIDED INTO CYCLES. He divides man's life from the time of birth to that of death into two cycles-a bodily cycle and a mental cycle. The length of these cycles vary according to to disclose the interior knowledge when he possesses; but very interestingly describes the relation of the child to the father and mother. The bodily cycle, he says, is evolved from the nother and the mental from the father. These cycles, he claims, produce conjunction points on their onward course from conception to death and apon one of these conjunction points, or mathematical days as he terms them, the individual will find

Bodily cycles, he says, have to do with the physical being of man and mental cycles to do with the mind. These two to ascertaining coming events as well as disclosing those of the past.

professes to be able to do; but he is travelling in the prosecution of his legi-timate business and only discusses his theories when asked so to do. TELLS OF SICKNESS.

He has been sought out by a number

day he is making rapid advances with it. While here he visited the various cometeries, and, with the aid of one of Richmond's citizens, who called out to

ALL BASED ON THE BIBLE Although firmly convinced of his power, having had peculiar interesting demon-strations of it, the reporter attempted to dispute several claims of the wonder-ful man. These disputes or arguments were invariably set at naught, when, at the request of Mr. Johns, the scribe read a passage from the Bible, which bore out the theory every time. On one consisting in this city be gave accurately

in their respective lives, recalling in some instances sicknesses which the individual himself had forgotten and only remem-Methodist preacher, and is a very re and attributes all of his power or know-ledge to continued reading of it. To the reporter he exposed several links in his new theory, but was careful to request that they be kept out of print, as he has in preparation a series of lectures which will be printed.

There are a number of interesting il-lustrations which Mr. Johns uses, but to even bint at them would be a breach of

even hint at them would be a breach of confidence. It may be said, however, that some day he will give the sleeping scientists of even this progressive age an insight into laws and affinities that

## REPLIES TO IDA WELLS.

A Colored Preacher from Petersburg

Makes a Speech in England. Rev. W. H. Sherwood (colored), superin tendent of Sherwood Orphan School, Petersburg, recently took to Europe a brass band, composed of pupils in the school, and has been giving concerts in England to raise funds for the benefit of the institution. Some days ago Governor O'Ferrall received from Rev. Sherwood a letter enclosing a copy of a speech by Sherwood, made in England in answer to Ida Wells.

race has set up in England, Rev. Sherwood admits that negroes are lynched in out-of-the-way and sparsely-settled sections of the South, but adduces the proof to show that whenever possible efforts are made by the authorities to keep down mob law. He pertinently asks, What has England to do with the matter, anyhow? characterizes the British commission that came to this country as for-eign meddlers, and advises the British to sweep before their own doors. He dwells upon the progress the negro has made since the war, and says the lynching question is ridiculously far-fetched.

KICKING HORSES IN BEDFORD. Two Ladies and Professor Smith Bruised-

Coppldge Gets One Year. BEDFORD CITY, VA., December 8. (Special.)-Thursday afternoon when Mrs. mo Hatcher and Mrs. S. H. Burt were out driving, the harness in some became disarranged. Before it could be remedied the horse began to kick furiously and made a sudden turn, which threw both the ladies and the driver to the ground and overturned the vehicle The ladles were quite painfully hurt, though not seriously. They were taken to the office of Dr. Sale near by, who gave them the necessary attention. The to the office of Dr. Sale ficar by, are gave them the necessary attention. The driver was not burt. Only a few days previous the horse of Frofessor Sumier Smith, of Randolph-Macon Academy, became unmanageable while he was out driving with his wife and another lady. In his efforts to hold him he was thrown out and somewhat bruised. The ladies out and somewhat bruised. The ladies

Dr. H. Percy Dawe, of New York, topped over here with his wife for a few lays, but was so much pleased with the own and the climate that he has decided

D. P. Coppidge, whose assault on a colored youth has been noted in these communications, has been tried, and in consideration of his previous bad character was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary. He is a degenerate son of an honored and respected family. Fortunately, his parents are not allyse to feel the his parents are not alive to feel the

sistained quite a painful injury a few days since by falling from the sidewalk. His arm was fractured. He is a bright little fellow and bears his wound bravely.

goods than has ever been brought here before. The stores are filled with cus-tomers and the merchants seem in fine

Dr. Cawthorne, who has been suffering

for treatment.
Mr. J. M. Berry has gone on an tensive southern trip, including New Or-leans, Mexico, and Texas. Mr. A. A. Berry left Taursday for New York via Norfolk and the Old Dominion line of steamers.

## ALONG THE LOWER RAPPAHANNOCK. The Recent Murder Near Rehoboth Church

Arrival of the New Pastor, IRVINGTON, VA., December 8.-(Sp cial.)-An inquest was held over the body of Luther Lewis, the colored boy who was (Lancaster) county. The Coroner found custigation inflicted by the father som

Mrs. E. W. Long, who has been on an extended trip to Baltimore and Tolches-

Donald Lee were in Richmond the pant week attending the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. Colonel and Mrs. H. H. Andrew, of West Virginia, arrived at the home of the latter's parents, at Weens, on Thurs-

Very Difficult to Give Bond-Only Two Pitt County Officers Qualify.

GREENVILLE, N. C., December 7 (Special.)—The suspense is over, and several of the Populists who were victorious getting elected is one thing, but giving bond and getting the office is another The county commissioners were kept in session three days this week, having much \$5,000. Yesterday the commissioners re-jected the bonds of W. H. Harrington, Sheriff-elect; J. A. Thispen, Treasurer-elect, and J. W. Perkins, Coroner-elect, Democratic ticket; Treasurer, John Flana-gan, ex-Treasurer, and candidate on the Democratic ticket; Coroner, Dr. Charles Laughinghouse, candidate on the Demo-cratic ticket.

A suit for damages against the Wil-

for obstructing a waterway, began in the Superior Court here on Tuesday, and will robably occupy the remainder of the

Mr. Joseph P. Elliott, of Baltimore, is here this week.

Mrs. H. L. Fennell and two children, of Wilmington, and Miss Mittle Beaman, of Clinton, are visiting the family of Hon.

Brooklyn schoolboys who now appear upon the streets and in other places smoking nauseating and filthy cigarettes may think themselves lucky if they are not arrested by a pelleeman, carried to a station-house, and locked up in a cell. The alarming extent to which the perni-cious and injurious habit of cigarette-smoking has spread among schoolboys has caused the school authorities to appeal to the police to enforce the law. There is no doubt that this will misdemeanor for any boy under 16 to smoke a cigarette in a public place, it is shoke a custrette in a public place, it is likely that some parents within the next few days may find their missing sons in police-stations. It has been customary for months for the boys from the Boys' Mich School to the High School to take possession of the smoking-cars on the elevated railroads in the afternoon on their journeys homeward and to smoke cigarette, openly and de-faulty.

# CAPT. FRANK'S TRAMP

Warmly Commended For His Sympa-

thy and Deeds of Charity.

Fleeing from the Heartless Hardships and Cruelties of Dredgers-The Wash-

COMORN, KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., December 8.—The Staffordians and Stafford Courthouse on the evening of Thanksgiving-Day were highly pleased with Captain Frank Cunningham and his splendid singing. The Richmond singer has been commended far and wide for his tender sympathy and deeds of genuine charity for the poor tramp whom he found at Stafford Courthouse and carried with him to Richmond for the purpose of restoring the wanderer to higher walks and nobler aims in life.

Tramps have been so much more numercus here this fall than ever before that citizens have become curious to know where they come from, and also why so many abie-bodied, intelligent white men are wandering about the highways this county, who resides on the thorough-fare mostly travelled by them, and who feeds more tramps than any other one an here, has catechised quite a numbe of these pitigil-looking wanderers as to the cause of their condition, and all tell substantially the same story—all claim-ing to be fleeing from dredging vessels of the Chesapeake bay and Potomac river.

According to their statements these so called tramps left Baltimore and other cities early in the fall and engaged with dredgers for the season, but they were so cruelly treated on the vessels that dethe masters of the vessels allow the he-groes to impose upon the whites, not only unnecessary hardships, but the most cruel and inhuman treatment. They de-clars that the colored members of the crews thrash the whites most shame-fully, and never permit them to take their meals until the darkies have eaten, their meals until the darkies have eaten, and then they have to eat only the scraps, &c., left by the negroes. The writer cannot vouch for the correctness of these statements, but certain it is that these poor, wandering white men bear unmistakable evidences of very bad treatment at the hands of somebody, and as the tales of wee told by one gang are nearly always dentical to the statements made always identical to the statements mad by other gangs, even from remote points, our people are in full sympathy with the descring dredgers, although it is believed that the captains who allow, aid, and abet such treatment to their employees are foreigners and not the Virginia dredgers. This opinion is appengificated by

the tramps' own statements. SPANKED. An old grudge between two citizens of this county terminates the other day in a flogging administered according to the most modern methods known. The men most modern methods known. The the had quarrelled, threatened, challenged, figured in the courts, and thirsted for each other's gore, until patience ceased to be a virtue, but somehow they could not get together. Meanwhile, a fire brake ctived to get you-on my own land."

Alth this little informal prefule be swing his neighbor across his lap, unbuttoned and removed piece by piece his captive's wearing apparel, and then, with

but little if any attention to rabid dogs since hydrophoble made its appearance here several years ago, although much damage has resulted from the disease, and people and farm animals are in danger of being bitten at any time. The members of Potomac Baptist church gave an cyster-supper and musical enter-tainment last Tuesday night, and realized

## ENTHUSIASTIC. The people of the Northern Neck are

Son, of Buffalo, A. Y., will do the work, and that it will cost from \$11,000 to \$15,000. It is safe to predict that the unveiling ceremonies will be the most imposing affair ever witnessed in the Northern Neok, and are looked forward to with

intense anxiety and pleasure.

Five thousand cases of canned tomatoes were shipped to New York this week from the canning establishment in Richmond county, per the schooner Amelia Hearn. MORE POPULAR.

The telephone-line running from the Chesapeake bay through the counties of

A number of fattened hogs have died ere within the past week, and, so far it has not been determined what the disfits that end their lives.

## SUFFOLK'S PARSONAGE SOCIETY. Warm Welcome to the Rev. H. C, Cheat-

ham-Many December Weddings. SUFFOLK, VA., December 8.-(Special.) Rev. H. C. Cheatham and family arrived

here Thursday and were warmly welcomed at the parsonage by a number of members of the Main-Street Methodist church, to which charge Mr. Cheatham age Society had prepared things for their coming and an elegant supper awaited them. After giving the pastor and his family time for rest and refreshment the members of the church descended on the parsonage in force with contributions of pleasant evening being spent in fraternal intercourse between the new-comers and their visiting brethren and sisters. Rev. D. B. Austin, the new pastor of the East Suffolk Methodist church, has

To the Editor of the Dispatch: arrived, with his family, and taken a house on the corner of Pinner and Pearl In this morning's Dispatch was streets. Mr. Austin also has charge of the Methodist church at Magnolia, about three miles from Suffolk, and has aiready made many warm friends in his churches. delivered his interesting lecture, entitled "Voices From a Burled City." at the Suffolk Baptist church Thursday night, under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. The lecture was attended by a large and well-neared autilities. been greatly improved by the addition of

a cornet.

Mr. John H. Mitchell, of Suffolk, and
Miss Maud Lillian Gardner, of Edenton,
N. C., were married on Tuesday, December 4, 1894, in Edenton, and left immedi-

ately for a northern tour. They will reside on Grace street, Suffolk.

Mr. James E. Parker, a young merchant of this county, and Miss Lula V. Williams, daughter of Mr. Hugh H. Williams, were married on Wednesday afternoon, December 5, 184, at Providence Methodist Episcopal church, South. The pretty ceremony was winessed by a large

pretty ceremony was witnessed by a large company, many friends from Suffolk being among the number. WRIGHT-HILL

WRIGHT-HILL.

Mr. T. B. Wright, a young business-man of Norfolk, who is a native of Nansemond county and formerly lived in Suffolk, was married in Norfolk on Thursday afternoon, December 6, 1894, to Miss Lucy V. Hill, of that city, and a niece of Hon. Thomas H. Virnelson, of Portsmouth, past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythlas. Immediately after the ceremony, which took place at Freemason-Street Baptist church, Mr. and Mrs. Wright left for an extended northern tour. or an extended northern tour.
Miss Pattie Pretiow, of Southampton

Mrs. W. C. Wyatt and little Virginia have been visiting friends in Richmond during the past week.

of the Suffolk and Carolina railway, left on Tuesday for a trip through Florida and other Southern States on business for his company.

W. R. Albertson, of Worcester, Mass., has been in Suffolk for the past week,

visiting friends and enjoying gunning in the surrounding country.

The Imperial Quartette, of Richmond, The Imperial Quartette, of Richmond, will give a concert at the City-Hall Theatre Friday evening, December 14, 1894, under the auspices of the Organ-Fund Society of the Methodist Episcopal Cherch South State Senator Thomas H. Barnes,

liwood, Nansemond county, was in Suf-olk this week, after being confined to his cointed pastor of the Franklin Methodist hurch, preached to a large congregation sunday night. The pastor of the Baptist hurch and his congregation attended the

Hely 3. F. Love, passor of the Soliola Haptist church, delivered an address at the First Baptist church, Norfolk, last Monday night before the B. Y. P. U. A large audience greeted the speaker, and many complimentary things were said about the Suffolk preacher and his ad-

### WYTHEVILLE'S NEW MAYOR. Bright, Bracing, Dry Weather Predicted

Until After Christmas. by the Town Council Tuesday evening Mayor-elect, Mr. William Terry, who was deposed from office on account of his failure to give the bond which our char-ter requires. Mr. Terry was re-elected to the office of Mayor last May:

C. W. Henser, Harrison Bonchiar, and others of our merchants have full and at-tractive lines of Christmas goods on ex-

Spiritualist Association, of Washington, J. C., will lecture on "Spiritualism and the Higher Religion" at Sexton's Hall Ionday evening. Misses Kate and May Ribble were the racious hostesses of the Thursday Club t its delightful meeting this week. The Choral Club met at Mrs. Dew's

Some one estimates that about one hundred and fifty rabbits were killed by Wytheville sportsmen on Thanksgiving-Mrs. W. H. Bolling is in Washington,

NO EXCEPTION. People forget from year to year the act that we are almost stre to have beautiful weather until after Christmas. This year is no exception. One bright, tracing, dry day follows another, and it s good to be living just for the privilege of walking briskly in this seen, clear atmosphere every day, and billing one's blood with vigor and one's heart with

Mr. D. K. Burton.

HOUSTON, VA., December 8.-(Speinl.)-A large assemblage gathered at neir stations the groom, accom-anied by H. B. Melvin, the best man, thered at the left alse, while the bride, ressed in a handsome tallog-made gown white satin, with pears and silver immings, entered at the right aisle, ac-impanied by Miss Henderson, mald of words that made the couple man ad wife. From the church the bridal city repaired to the residence of the cide's father, where an elegant supper as served, and the best wishes of tends extended. The presents were un-ually numerous and handsome. The uple will leave to-morrow for the

HAMPTON, VA., December 8.—(Spe-lal.)—A large force of workmen are em-

Presbyterian church on Que a street. Rev. Mr. Peterson preached his initial ermon in the Methodist church Sunday a large congregation. The West-End Methodist church has

been greatly enlarged.
The Young Men's Christian Association has at last secured a hone. The first payment was made on Sattrday, and it

will be fitted up at once.

The supervisors met on Wednesday and transacted routine business.

The Pythians are arranging for a public installation in January.

The third entertainment of the Young Men's Christian Association star course will take place December 13th. Judge

Author of Little Benny. RICHMOND, VA., December 5, 1894.

the poem was written many years ago-fully thirty-by Mrs. Anne Chambers Ketchum-a southern woman, of rare in-tellect. She was living in Memphis du-ring the sixties, and I knew her inti-mately. Little Benny in question was her only son and her heart's idol. He died in early youth. The pretty little in-

# DOLL AND TOY SHOW.

The Unique Novelties on Exhibition a Feast of Delight.

MENTION OF FAMOUS AUTHORS.

Recollections of Dickens, Poe, Canon Farrar, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Others-Maryland's Boast.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 8.-Hundreds and thousands of visitors are thronging to see the American doll and great brilliancy. There are few contri-

vances in which the ingenuity and inventive skill of ladies are displayed to better advantage than in the creation and advice, when the "philosopher" shouted collection of a great variety of dolls, It "Sir! I might as well pour my troubia is astonishing how interesting a collection of dolls can be made. I went to the Academy last night to witness the beautiful and unique novelties on exhibition, and it was a feast of delight to the lovers of beauty. To the little folks the hall was an enchanted palace, and while they went in continual raptures over the wonders by the score in darlings was making thousands of nebeauty was not to be found in the Golfs, either: for there were Misses Lota, Champe, and Nellie Robinson, a graceful trio of Virginia girls, in charge of the pretty flower booths, on the stage, and Mrs. Albert Ritchie (Lizzie Cabell), and Washington attended, including Mrs. Carlisic, Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. Bissell, and Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston. A private car was tendered the party by the Bal-timore and Ohio railroad, through the

Matthews county, Va., and Miss Mary Alston Smith, of Baltimore, were mar-ried on Tuesday night. GREATLY MISSED,

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fitzgerald, who left Baltimore last spring to reside in Richmond are missed by many friends. Mr. Fitzgerald was treasurer of the Maryiand Line Confederate Soldiers' Home, in which he took an active and zealous part in the organization and management. He is now commissioner of

ian church, preached a continuous markets of Citizenship." He is a brother of Rev. James I. Vance, of Norfolk, who has recently accepted a call of the First Prosbyterian church of Nashville, Tena.

One of the handsomest Virginia women ducted by Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Preston.

The session of the Presbyterian church, con ducted by Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Preston.

The session of the Presbyterian Church Continuous blood with vigor and one's heart with praise. To be young and strong, carefree, and light-hearted, and to know that the happy Christmas season is rapidly approaching, ought to constitute happiness in this invigorating climate. And, if one is to judge by the bright young faces one meets upon the street,

Charles Howard, were both imprisoned in Fort Warren, though charged with

DICKENS'S RECEPTION.

Hon. James Hodges, ex-Mayor of Bal-timore, has many friends in Virginia. Mr. Hodges comes of an old Maryland family, which has been settled in Kent county since the middle of the seventeenth cen-tury. He gave Charles Dickens a hand-some reception here during his second timore, (herself a gifted writer), t whom he gave the boutonniere whic Baltimore a few years ago, was mained several years, during which time be read Caesar, Virgil, Horace, and

lish divine, visited America, he delivered a lecture to the students of Johns Hop-kins University, in which he said that English-speaking nations of the world; that, happily, however, the old systems of teaching then in vogue were more honored in the breach than the observance; that while some few students profited by nounced dunces. They were taught no English, and their Latin and Greek would have made a Roman and Athenian school-boy laugh. Canon Farrar congratulated students around him that that day had passed

Few Baltimoreans have had so varied and interesting an experience as Mr. John Thomas Scharf. He was in both the Con-federate army and navy, he has been an editor, a lumber merchant, a picture col-lector, a lawyer, a politician, a lecturer,

The West-End Methodist church has been organized with about fifty members, and a large Sunday school Rev. Mr. Baughan held his first service on Sunday night last.

The choir of the Methodist church has been greatly enlarged. administration on the estate of his father from Surrogate Abbott, to prosecute claims against residents of Brooklyn for

Elsie Venner."
All the "woman's pages" are giving directions for beautifying the hands with pomades and cold creams. According to a syndicate writer in a Western paper, "beautiful hands are rare." This merely shows that syndicate writers have so lit-

A GREAT MAN. Ex-Governor and ex-United States Se pled nearly every political position in the gift of the people of Maryland, including those of Mayor and Attorney-General. He is the grandson of William Pinckney, whom John Randolph declared to be "the Ketchum is living. When I hast saw
her she was in New York, making her
living by her literary worl, as so many
southern women have done since the
war.

B. sphendor. It is among the traditions of
the Supreme Court that the room was
always crowded when William Pinckney
spoke, for he threw a charm around the
dryest subject and embellished the most
abstruse legal arguments with the graces

of a fascinating oratory. His varied an extensive reading made him familiar with the beauties of English literature from Mitton to the lighter graces of Scott an Goldsmith. During his diplomatic missions abroad he not only heard the mor famous orators of Great Britain—Short dan, Fox, Pitt Erskine—but he enriche his diction by mingling freely in the brillian literary circles which at that tim adorned the British metropolis, for it wat the golden age of Scott, Byron, Moore Coleridge, Southey, and Leigh Hunt.

WAS MISERABLE.

Are authors' wives happy? Cariyle was

Are authors' wives happy? Carlyle was at home a qurelous dyspeptic, who is his wife such a dance that even her an gelic patience was strained to the poin of grievous complaint. Mrs. Carlyic sat-she married from ambition, and he dream was more than realized, but sh added that she was miscalized, will he added that she was miserable. It will be remembered that she was born a late and he a born-peasant. There is a disagreeable picture of the "philosopher" lofty meditations, while his wife is down as to consult one of your profession." He pronounced Sir Walter Scott "a toothles retailer of old women's fables"; Lors Brougham, "an sternal grinder of commonplace and pretentious noise, like a man playing on a hurdy-gurdy," as said Wadsworth "stooped to extract surfitual catson from mushrooms, which spiritual catsup from mushrooms, which were little better than tondstools." VERY POOR,

Nathaniel Hawthorne, when in the 45th year of his age, was a most obscur literary man. He was so poör before th "Scarlet Letter" was published that hi friends and admirers raised a purse t help him support his family. He was 28 when he married Sophia Peabody, wh was 32. It was a perfect union, so dif-ferent from the married life of severa Julian Hawthorne, is very much hand capped in his literary career by his eight children. Instead of writing for fame he is obliged to write for bread for his raminds me that Thackeray said when imore and Ohio railroad, through the were a great success, and he carrie ourtesy of Mr. C. O. Acull, general pas-

### LEXINGTON'S WEEKLY BUDGET. Several Deaths-Free Pews-W. and I

University Glee Clubs-Personal. LEXINGTON, VA., December 8,-(Spa clal.)-A private dispatch received her announced the death of Mrs. Sarah I Terreil at the home of her daughter Mrs. Spencer, in St. Louis. Her remain ton in 1826, and was a daughter of the late Samuel M. Dold. Mrs. Terrell left

individual families. There has alway been sufficient room for the congregation were impracticable, and the last was adopted. The announcement of the change was a great surprise to most

of the congregation, but its wisdom k generally admitted. generally admitted.

Saturday was the last day for the payment of county and State taxes before
the 5 per cent, penalty came into force

GREATLY IMPROVED.

The Washington and Lee University Glee and Banjo clubs, which were such a delightful success last season, with a covert at Lexing. ton Opera-House on the evening of the 15th instant. The clubs are composed of twenty-four, and are under the leader ship of the same director as last season Mr. George E. Lenert. The talent and custivation of the members of the cluba it is confidently claimed, are superior to Frankfort, Ky., on the 25th; Chatta-nooga, Tenn., on the 26th; Atlanta, Ga., on the 27th; Savannah on the 28th Charleston, S. C., on the 29th; Raleigh, N. C., on the 31st; Danville on January

lst, and Lynchburg on the 2f.

The concert here will be for the benefit of the Lee-Jackson Confederate Camp. At Atlanta the clubs will pay a tribute

Governor, and lay a tribute of respect te his memory. Cards are out announcing the marriage Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mabel G. Leibig and Mr. Robert J. Watts Tuesday evening. December 25th, at Wesley chapel. The bride-elect is a daughter of Mr. L. M. Leibig. The groom-elect is an official of the Norfolk and Western railroad, located at Williamson, W. Va., and a son of Mr. Robert J. Watts, of near Brownsburg. Editor E. H. Barchay, of the Gazette, in Chicago, attending a meeting of the executive Committee of the National

Kirkpatrick are in attendance upon the G. F. Eyer, of Quincy, O., are visiting their parents, in North Buffalo. Mr. Jacob Yost was at the Clerk's

office, in Lexington, examining the elec-tion-books of the late election. Dr. A. D. Estill is in attendance upon meeting of rallway surgeons at Co

Mrs. Samuel J. Graham, in Pittsburg.
Miss Mettle and Mary Christian, of
Augusta county, are the guests of Mrs.
William S. White.
Miss Lily Coles is visiting in St.

Louis, Mo. Mr. J. Woods Barclay left last week for Kanawha, W. Va., to go into the

are visiting friends in Richmond.

Mr. Thomas L. Moore, of Jamestown,
O., is visiting relatives in this county.

Mr. Alexander P. Moore has been appointed by State-Treasurer Harman to a very desirable position in the Treasurer's office, in Richmond. He left for Richmond to-day.

Orders for printing sent to the Dis-patch Company will be given prompt at-tention, and the style of work and prices will be sure to please year.